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Information and Communication Technologies for Health: SNITEM¹ and LESISS² join forces.

Aware of the major challenge facing information systems for health and welfare in serving healthcare professionals and hospitals, and subsequently patient safety, more effectively, SNITEM (Syndicat National de l'Industrie des Technologies Médicales) and LESISS (Les Entreprises des Systèmes d'Information Sanitaires et Sociaux) have become partners with a view to enhancing their respective skills and increasing synergies in this field.

LESISS, which is alive to medical information processing and to that of healthcare professional and hospital administration, and SNITEM, which is well-known for its initiatives in the field of specific medical data regarding medical devices, are pooling their skills and coordinating their action with a view to being consistent for the benefit of the Healthcare ICT and Equipment industry.

This complementarity is connected with their similar views on the development of these technologies and the way they are used in France.

SNITEM and LESISS want to convey joint messages in relation to the revival of the personal medical record project, the modernisation of hospital information systems (Plan Hôpital 2012) and the policy of home care, which is crucial for the future of our healthcare system.

¹SNITEM draws together medical device manufacturers and, especially, businesses specialised in medical imaging (ultrasound scanning, digital radiology, computed tomography, magnetic resonance imaging, positron emission tomography, etc.), the equipment for which produces information to be passed on and archived. It represents manufacturers of communicating medical equipment too (pacemakers, defibrillators, physiological parameter monitors, ventilators, parameter sensors, etc.), which, beyond its basic function, also provides the means to diagnose, monitor and provide aftercare to people in hospital or cared for in the home.

²LESISS represents most of the manufacturers specialised in ICTs designed for healthcare professionals in private practice and for public and private healthcare establishments. Their products and services provide the means, inter alia, to collect, pass on and archive patient healthcare data in strict accordance with current regulations.